



★ **JAMES K. DANIEL**,  
Lieut., A. A. F.  
James K. Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel, formerly of 2019 Border ave., crashed in India, July 21, 1943. His wife is the former Jo Buckman of Sacramento. Before his enlistment Lt. Daniel was a pre-medical student at Whittier College. He received his commission in November '42. He had served one year and three months.



★ **CLARENCE THEODORE SCHEIBLER**, Chief Electrician's Mate, U.S.N.  
Clarence T. Scheibler, husband of Mrs. Helen Scheibler of 1605 Amapola ave., died in action aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet, October 26, 1942. Beside his wife, he is survived by his two children.



★ **EDGAR C. SMITH**,  
Pfc., U. S. M. C.  
Edgar C. Smith, a native of Atlantic, Iowa, was killed October 12, 1944, but the place of his death was not disclosed. Those surviving him are his parents, and a brother and sister. He was attached to the First Marine Division, Seventh Marine Corps. He had attended Fremont High School in Los Angeles.



★ **ERNEST PHILLIP COBURN**,  
Private, A. A. F.  
Ernest Phillip Coburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coburn of Redondo Beach, and formerly of Torrance, was killed in a bomber crash in San Francisco, June 9, 1943. A native of Toronto, Canada, he had been an Inspector at National Supply Company prior to induction after which he served seven months in the A.A.F.



★ **GEORGE H. COBURN**,  
Private, U.S.A.  
A son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Coburn, of Redondo Beach and formerly of this city, died at an Army hospital near Poston, Ariz., Sept. 26, 1942. Another brother, Private Ernest Phillip Coburn, 20, was killed in an Army bomber crash at San Francisco, on June 9, 1943 and his ashes were interred in a near-by grave. Surviving in addition to his parents are William, of 1908 Arlington ave., Torrance and Fred and Jack of the home address.



★ **EVERETT V. RICHHART**,  
T/5, U.S.A.  
Everett Richhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Richhart, was killed in action in France, August 19, 1944. Born in Long Beach he was graduated from Torrance High School with the winter class of '37. Surviving him are six brothers and sisters and his parents. He had served in the Army three and one half years.



★ **JACK CHARLES HORMELL**,  
Private, U. S. A.  
Jack C. Hormell died on March 21, 1943, by drowning while stationed at Crystal Lake, Fla. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret F. Hormell of 1651 218th st., his father, Charles Hormell of this city, a machinist at National Supply Company. His sister, Mina, is a journalism student at the University of Chicago.



★ **LOUIS T. MADORE**,  
Cpl., A. A. F.  
Louis T. Madore, son of Mr. Thomas Madore of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and a cousin of Mrs. Mary Vonderahe of this city, was declared by the War Department to have died in the service of his country on January 21, 1943. Verification of his death followed several months of intensive search for his B-17 Fortress and its entire complement of 10, reported missing in Alaska. He was graduated from Torrance High School with the winter class of '38 where he held an outstanding record in athletics.



★ **JOHN W. FOSTER**,  
Second Lieut., A. A. F.  
John W. Foster, killed April 1, 1943, in a bomber crash in Clovis, N. M., is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of Redondo Beach and formerly of Torrance and eight brothers and sisters. His fiancée was Virginia Garner of Wilmington.



★ **KENNETH F. BROOKS**,  
S/Sgt., A. A. F.  
Kenneth F. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Brooks of 1823 Arlington ave., died May 13, 1943, in the European theatre. He had served 10 months in the A. A. F. as aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress. He attended Redondo High School and worked at National Supply Company.



★ **RUEBEN ERNEST MERKEL**,  
Aviation Machinist Mate, U.S.N.  
Rueben E. Merkel, son of Mrs. Margaret Huber Merkel, 1061 Maple ave., died the week of January 11, 1945, of wounds following action while in the service of his country. Also surviving him are his two brothers, Gideon E. Merkel and Le Roy Merkel. Rueben was born in Jave, S. D., and had served one year and 10 months in the Navy.



★ **RAYMOND PENNINGTON**,  
Private, U.S.A.  
The second gold star on the Torrance Serviceman's Flag was for Raymond Pennington, who was killed in action at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Before he joined the Marines, Pennington was employed at the Torrance Laundry and Art Sullivan's Shell Service station on Carson st. His mother died when he was only two years old and he was given a mother's care by Mrs. Charles C. Sullivan of 1919 1/2 Gramercy ave.



★ **JESSE LEE JOHNSON**,  
Seaman, 1/c, U.S.N.  
Seaman First Class, Jesse Lee Johnson died by drowning at Tarawa on April 4, 1944. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson of 2409 W. Carson st., and four brothers.



★ **DAN CUNNINGHAM**,  
Private, U.S.A.  
Dan Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham of 1743 Gramercy ave., was killed in the Southwest Pacific area. His parents received word from the War Department concerning his death, April 18, 1944. Besides his parents he leaves two brothers in the service, Kenneth and James, and another brother, James, and a sister, Kathleen Cunningham, who both reside at the home address.



★ **EUGENE F. STRIECKER**,  
Pfc., U.S.A.  
Killed in action on Negroes on April 10, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Striecker, of 1106 El Prado, Torrance. He has four brothers in the service.



★ **DOUGLAS L. CRAWFORD**,  
Lieut., A. A. F.  
Douglas L. Crawford was killed October 23, 1943, in a Flying Fortress crash near Ponca, Okla. A co-pilot on a B-17, Lt. Crawford had been in service about a year. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crawford, formerly of 1547 221st st. He was graduated from Torrance High School with the class of summer '42.



★ **DARIO F. CHAVEZ**,  
Private, U.S.A.  
Dario F. Chavez, husband of Ernestine Chavez and father of baby girl, Rose Marie, whom he had never seen, was killed May 1, 1943, while on battle maneuvers in Oklahoma. Also surviving him is his mother, Mrs. Jesus Chavez of the Pueblo. Chavez served as the student body president of the junior high at Torrance in 1936 and won the American Legion award two times during his attendance of Torrance grammar and high school. He was employed at Columbia Steel plant prior to his service in the Army.



★ **WALTER C. WEST**,  
T/Sgt., A. A. F.  
Walter C. West died in action April 8, 1944, in Tunisia. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Alice West of 1619 W. 216th st., and his two brothers, Edward T. West, pharmacist's mate, 1/c, U.S.M.C., and Sgt. Frederick J. West. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1939 and was serving in the North African theatre of war when he was reported missing.

★ **CHARLES W. WORKS**,  
Paratrooper  
Charles W. Works, a graduate of Bakersfield High School, was killed in action September 22, 1944, in Holland. He had served two years and three months in the paratroopers. His mother, Mrs. Pearl Works of 2340 247th st., Lomita, and formerly of Torrance, is his survivor.

★ **JAMES B. NEWTON**,  
Fireman, 2/c, U.S.N.  
Due to severe shock suffered at Pearl Harbor, James Benedict Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Newton of 2071 1/2 Torrance Blvd., died of heart attack January 17, 1943 in San Pedro. Surviving him are his parents and two brothers and a sister. His younger brother, Robert A. Newton, has been a prisoner of the Japs since December 7, 1941. James was born in Longmont, Colo., but his parents have lived in Torrance since August, 1944. The father is employed at National Supply Company.

★ **ROBERT T. NOBLE**,  
S/1c, U.S.M.S.  
Robert T. Noble, son of Mrs. Ramona Kesson, 2208 Gramercy, died when the ammunition ship on which he was serving blew up off Leyte. He was reported missing February 1, and his death was later confirmed. Also surviving him are two sisters and one brother. He attended Fremont High School in Los Angeles and had served in the USMS for about one and one-half years.

★ **WILLIAM NUNN**,  
Lieut., A. A. F.  
William Nunn, husband of Enid Weis Nunn of 1746 Manuel ave., was killed in action September 7, 1944, in France. He was a pilot of a B-24 and served nine months in the A. A. F. after receiving his wings in December, 1943.

★ **IVAN H. WILCOX**,  
First Lieut., U.S.A.  
First Lieut. Ivan H. Wilcox, whose wife lives at 2112 Carson st., was killed in action in the Mediterranean area the week of May 3, 1945.

★ **MIL0 PLUNKETT**,  
Pfc., U.S.A.  
Private First Class Milo Plunkett, son of Mrs. Mary Plunkett, Box 328-A, Torrance, died while in combat in the European theatre in the week of September 28, 1944.



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*Gold Star*

- ★ ALVAREZ, LOUIS
- ★ BROOKS, KENNETH
- ★ BRUCE, CLAUDE
- ★ CARAWAY, ARCHIE
- ★ CHAVEZ, DARIO
- ★ COBURN, ERNEST P.
- ★ COBURN, GEORGE
- ★ CRAWFORD, DOUGLAS
- ★ CUNNINGHAM, DAN
- ★ DANIEL, JAMES K.
- ★ DIETLIN, FRANCIS
- ★ DILKES, THOMAS
- ★ FESS, JOHN JUNIOR
- ★ FLORES, NESTOR Q.
- ★ FOLEY, JOHN JR.
- ★ FOSTER, JOHN W.
- ★ HAMILTON, CHELSEA
- ★ HORMELL, JACK CHAS.
- ★ JOHNSON, JESSE L.
- ★ JONES, FRANK F.
- ★ JONES, HERMAN W.
- ★ MADORE, LOUIS T.
- ★ MERKEL, RUEBEN E.
- ★ MOODY, GARLAN
- ★ NEWTON, JAMES
- ★ NOBLE, ROBERT T.
- ★ NUNN, LT. WILLIAM
- ★ OBDINE, LT. VLADIMIR
- ★ O'BRIEN, RICHARD
- ★ PARKER, ARTHUR T.
- ★ PENNINGTON, R.
- ★ PLUNKETT, MILO
- ★ PRICE, THERON E.
- ★ PROWSEN, JAMES F.
- ★ QUAGGIN, FRED
- ★ RAMSEY, LT. FLOYD
- ★ RICHHART, EVERETT
- ★ SCHEIBLER, CLARENCE
- ★ SHANER, LT. EUGENE
- ★ SHIMATSU, AKIRA
- ★ SMITH, ADDISON
- ★ SMITH, EDGAR
- ★ STAMBUCK, ROBERT
- ★ STRIECKER, EUGENE
- ★ TANOUYE, ED
- ★ TIDWELL, ROYCE W.
- ★ WATSON, EARL W.
- ★ WEST, WALTER C.
- ★ WILCOX, IVAN H.
- ★ WORKS, CHARLES